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Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 14, 2008 and the Advisory Action dated September 24, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections of the claims.

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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed July 14, 2008 and the Advisory Action dated September 24, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and favorable action in this Application.

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed July 14, 2008 finally rejecting Claims 1-24.

This application is filed on behalf of a small entity.

Please charge the fee of \$270.00 to satisfy the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. . The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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